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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006 in which all elected claims (1-8, 15, 16 and 17) stand rejected. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. This response is timely filed as a petition for a three-month's extension of time to October 16, 2006 (October 14 falling on a Saturday) is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.